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In re Application of

: Group Art Unit 1724

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Serial No. 09/924,044

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For: Method for Treatment of Silicone Emulsion Waste by Chemical Addition

AMENDMENT

To the Assistant Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

After the Title and before the Background of the Invention, please insert the following paragraph:

-- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a divisional of application Serial No. 09/467,565, filed December 20, 1999, which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety. --

Page 3, line 12-19, please replace the following paragraph:

A silicone emulsion typically comprises a mixture of silicone oil and water, which can be stabilized by a surfactant blend. The surfactant blend comprises a combination of at least one of nonionic, anionic, and cationic surfactants. Waste from the

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